

at any time after the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty, think proper to take possession of the said road, three persons shall be chosen by the Governor of the commonwealth, and three by the president and managers of the said company, and three by the judges of the supreme court, who or any six or more of them shall proceed to examine and estimate the value of the property which the said company have therein, and certify the amount thereof to the Governor, who shall cause the same to be laid before the legislature at their next session, and whenever the amount so certified shall be paid, the right of the said company to take toll on the said road, together with all their right, title, claim and interest therein shall cease and determine.

state of purchasing the road and extinguishing the tolls.

SIMON SNYDER, *Speaker*  
of the House of Representatives.

ROBERT WHITEHILL, *Speaker*  
of the Senate.

APPROVED—March the twenty-fourth, 1803 :

THOMAS M'KEAN, *Governor*  
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

## CHAPTER CXLIV.

An ACT to authorise the several Courts of Quarter Sessions within their respective counties, to lay off, alter and divide townships, and for other purposes.

Section 1. **B**E it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly

*sembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That the several courts of quarter sessions of the peace of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in their respective counties shall from and after the passing of this act, have authority upon application by petition to them made, to erect new townships, to divide any township already erected, or to alter the lines of any two or more adjoining townships so as to suit the convenience of the inhabitants thereof, and the said several courts in their respective counties upon application so as aforesaid made to them, are hereby authorised and required to appoint three impartial men if necessary to enquire into the propriety of granting the prayer of the petition, and it shall be the duty of said men so appointed, or any two of them, to make a plot or draft of the township proposed to be divided, and the division line proposed to be made therein, or of the township proposed to be laid off, or of the lines proposed to be altered of any two or more adjoining townships as the case may be, if the same cannot be fully designated by natural lines or boundaries, all which they or any two of them shall report to the next court of quarter sessions, together with their opinion of the same, and at the court after that to which the report shall be so made, the court shall confirm or set aside the same as to them shall appear just and reasonable.

*Sec. 2. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That if the last legal place of settlement of any person or persons under the poor laws of this commonwealth, now is or hereafter shall be in any township divided by virtue of this act, and such person or persons shall become chargeable after the division thereof, he,

The courts of quarter sessions within the commonwealth empowered, on application made to them, to erect new townships &c.

how they are to proceed for that purpose.

The last legal settlement of poor persons not to be affected by the division of any township &c.

he, she or they shall be supported by that township within the territory of which he, she or they resided at the time of gaining the settlement.

SIMON SNYDER, *Speaker*  
of the *House of Representatives.*

ROBERT WHITEHILL, *Speaker*  
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CHAPTER CXLV.

*An ACT to enable the Governor to incorporate a company for making an artificial road, beginning at or near Downingtown, in the county of Chester, to Cornwall furnace, in the county of Dauphin, and from thence to the borough of Harrisburgh.*

Section 1. **B**E it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That Richard Thomas, Matthew Stanly and James M'Connel, of Chester county; Cyrus Jacobs, Jacob Keller and John Erb, of Lancaster county; Moses Gilmore, John Elder and Gotlieb Orth, of Dauphin county; be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners to do and perform the several things herein after mentioned; that is to say, they shall on or before the

Commissioners appointed to open books and receive subscriptions for the Downingtown, Ephrata and Harrisburgh turnpike road.